

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-4. (Cancelled).

5. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a stabilized hydroalkoxysilane, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a hydroalkoxysilane;

providing a carboxylate;

combining the carboxylate with the hydroalkoxysilane in the absence of any epoxide in a container to form the stabilized hydroalkoxysilane;

sealing the container to form a sealed container containing the stabilized hydroalkoxysilane; and

separating the carboxylate from the hydroalkoxysilane.

6. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 5, wherein the carboxylate is an alkali metal salt or an alkali earth metal salt of a carboxylic acid having 1 to 18 carbon atoms.

7. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein the alkali metal salt or alkali earth metal salt of a carboxylic acid has 1 to 5 carbon atoms.

8. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 7, wherein the alkali metal salt or alkali earth metal salt of a carboxylic acid having 1 to 5 carbon atoms is selected from the group

consisting of sodium formate, sodium acetate, sodium propionate, sodium butyrate, sodium valerate or pentanoate, sodium oxalate, potassium formate, potassium acetate, magnesium acetate, and calcium acetate.

9. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 5, wherein the carboxylate coexists with the hydroalkoxysilane in an amount of 0.0001 to 10 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the hydroalkoxysilane prior to separation.

10. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 5, wherein the hydroalkoxysilane is a trialkoxysilane.

11. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 10, wherein the trialkoxysilane is a trimethoxysilane or a triethoxysilane.

12. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 5, wherein the hydroalkoxysilane is an alkyltrialkoxysilane.

13. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 12, wherein the alkyltrialkoxysilane is a methyltrimethoxysilane or a methyltriethoxysilane.

14. (Currently Amended) A stabilized hydroalkoxysilane comprising a combination of a hydroalkoxysilane and a carboxylate in the absence of any epoxide, wherein said stabilized hydroalkoxysilane is stored and transported in a sealed container and wherein said carboxylate is separated from said stabilized hydroalkoxysilane prior to use of said hydroalkoxysilane as a reagent, starting material, or additive.

15. (Previously Presented) The stabilized hydroalkoxysilane according to claim 14, wherein said carboxylate is an alkali metal salt or an alkali earth metal salt of a carboxylic acid having 1 to 18 carbon atoms.

16. (Previously Presented) The stabilized hydroalkoxysilane according to claim 15, wherein said alkali metal salt or alkali earth metal salt of a carboxylic acid has 1 to 5 carbon atoms.

17. (Previously Presented) The stabilized hydroalkoxysilane according to claim 16, wherein said alkali metal salt or alkali earth metal salt of a carboxylic acid having 1 to 5 carbon atoms is selected from the group consisting of sodium formate, sodium acetate, sodium propionate, sodium butyrate, sodium valerate or pentanoate, sodium oxalate, potassium formate, potassium acetate, magnesium acetate, and calcium acetate.

18. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 5, wherein said step of combining the carboxylate with the hydroalkoxysilane in the container to form the stabilized hydroalkoxysilane is further defined as adding the carboxylate to the hydroalkoxysilane.

19. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 5 further comprising the step of mixing the stabilized hydroalkoxysilane.

20. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 5 further comprising the steps of storing and transporting the sealed container.

21. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 20, wherein the stabilized hydroalkoxysilane is stored and transported in the sealed container without a loss of purity and chemical changes.

22. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 20, wherein the stabilized hydroalkoxysilane is stored and transported in the sealed container without a pressure rise in the sealed container.

23. (Cancelled).

24. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 5, wherein the carboxylate is separated from the hydroalkoxysilane through filtration.

Claims 25.-27. (Cancelled).

28. (Previously Presented) The stabilized hydroalkoxysilane according to claim 14 wherein said carboxylate is separated from said hydroalkoxysilane through filtration.

29. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a stabilized hydroalkoxysilane, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a hydroalkoxysilane;

providing a carboxylate;

adding the carboxylate to the hydroalkoxysilane in the absence of any epoxide in a container to form the stabilized hydroalkoxysilane;

mixing the stabilized hydroalkoxysilane in the absence of any epoxide;

sealing the container to form a sealed container containing the stabilized hydroalkoxysilane; and

separating the carboxylate from the hydroalkoxysilane.

30. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 29, wherein said step of mixing is further defined as stirring and/or shaking the stabilized hydroalkoxysilane.

31. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 29 further comprising the steps of storing and transporting the sealed container.

Please add the following new claims.

32. (New) The method according to claim 5 wherein the carboxylate is in powdered or granulated form.

33. (New) The method according to claim 5 wherein the carboxylate is separated from the hydroalkoxysilane in the absence of any epoxides.

34. (New) The stabilized hydroalkoxysilane according to claim 14 wherein the carboxylate is in powdered or granulated form.

35. (New) The method according to claim 29 wherein the carboxylate is in powdered or granulated form.

36. (New) The method according to claim 29 wherein the carboxylate is separated from the hydroalkoxysilane in the absence of any epoxides.